रखती है ताकि विभिन्न राज्यों में स्थित चीनी मिलों के संचालन और कार्य के बारे में एकरूपता लाई जा सके ;

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो क्या सरकार इस उद्योग के संरक्षण और आधुनिकीकरण तथा इसमें व्याप्त कठिनाइयों को हल करने के लिए एक विशेष प्रकोष्ठ बनाने का विचार रखती है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(घ) इस समय मध्य प्रदेश में कुल कितनी चीनी मिलें हैं तथा उनमें से कितनी कितनी सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र में तथा निजी क्षेत्र में हैं ?

खाद्य और नागरिक पूर्ति मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री राम पूजन पटेल) : (क) जी, नहीं । कोई केन्द्रीय चीनी उद्योग निगम स्थापित करने का कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है ।

(ख) और (ग) जी, नहीं । कोई विशेष प्रकोष्ठ स्थापित करने का कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है । तथापि, चीनी नीति तैयार करते समय चीनी उद्योग की समस्याओं को हमेशा ध्यान में रखा जाता है । इसके अतिरिक्त, गन्ने का विकास करने और आधुनिकीकरण करने के लिए चीनी मिलों को चीनी विकास निधि से सुगम शर्तों पर वित्तीय सहायता प्रदान की जाती है ।

(घ) इस समय मध्य प्रदेश में 8 चीनी मिलें हैं जिनमें से एक सरकारी क्षेत्र में, चार निजी क्षेत्र में और शेष तीन चीनी मिलें सहकारी क्षेत्र में हैं ।

Proposal to start "New Palace on Wheels

593. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to start a New Palace on Wheels in order to make up losses from the first one and to losses of the Railways as reported in Times of India of 6th March, 1990;

(b) whether the fares of this train also is likely to go up in time with the recent hike in rail fares;

(c) the number of passengers who were booked by the first Palace on Wheels since its first run indicating revenue earned and real expenditure incurred including all investments|staff year-wise; and

(d) whether this train would cater to the special needs of the Socialist Bloc of European nations whereas the earlier version catered to the people of British descent?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) A new rake of 'Palace on Wheels' is being fabricated to replace the existing one as it has out-lived its life.

(b) The fares of 'Palace on Wheels' have been revised for the season 1990-91.

(c) The year-wise details regarding number of passengers booked. Railway's direct cost as well as fully distributed cost and share of net earnings are given below:

Particulars	1982-83	1983-84	1984-85	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88	1988-89
No. of passengers	1056	967	783	1102	1375	1747	2212
					(Rs. in lakhs)		
Direct Cost .	57.40	63.02	60.39	76.72	70.80	77.52	81.44
Fully Distributed cost . .	78.01	90.81	85.28	110.69	101.25	113.76	128.82
Earnings . .	35.66	43.15	35.73	47.24	65.00	91.25	121.80

(d) 'Palace on Wheels' train caters to foregin tourists from all countries without any discrimination.

Rapid increase in use of pesticides

594. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that use of pesticides has been increasing rapidly for pest control in agriculture and for control of disease vector control and if so, the details of the pesticides registered for use and their actual use indicating the annual sale value;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is widespread poisoning of human, direct and indirect, and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether pesticides poisoning had been made a notifiable occurrence in each State and if so the details thereof Statewise;

(d) if the reply to part (c) is in the negative, whether Government propose to through an ordinance making this notifiable; and

(e) whether Voluntary Health Association of India has been writing to Government on these issues and if so the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA): (a) There has been a steady increase in the consumption of pesticides between 1950 to 1970. Thereafter, during next 10 years, consumption of pesticides has been ranging between 45-56,000 MT in the agricultural sector. A list of insecticides registered for use under the Insecticides Act, 1968 is given at Statement. (*See* below).

Since there is no statutory control on the sale of pesticides, as such, there is no mechanism to collect the precise annual sale value of such chemicals.

(b) and (c) Section 26 of the Act provides for notification of persons to report the occurrences of poisoning due to pesticides. Most of the State Governments have notified the functionaries for the said purpose. The recent statistics on the number of poisoning cases due to pesticides reported, by the State for 1989-90 are as under:

Sl. No.	*State*	*No. of poisoning cases*
1.	Haryana	6
2.	Tamil Nadu	1
3.	Orissa	17

(d) Does not arise in view of the reply to parts (b) and (c) of the question.

(e) The Government has received a representation from the Voluntary Health Association of India and the same is under examination.

Statement

List of insecticides registered on regular basis under Section 9(3) *of the Insecticides Act,* 1968 *as on* 1-4-1990.

1. Acephate (I)
2. Alachlor (H)
3. Aldicarb (I)
4. Aldrin (I)
5. Allethrin (I)
6. Alpha naphthyl acetic acid (PGR)
7. Aluminium phosphide (I & R)
8. Anilophos (H)
9. Atrazine (H)
10. Barium carbonate (R)
11. Benomyl (F)
12. Benzene hoxachloride (I) (B.H.C.)
13. Benthiocarb (H)
14. Butachlor (H)
15. Bromadiolone (R)
16. Calcium Cyanide (I)